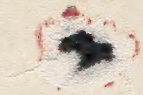


Rev. A. A. Phelps

Boston

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Berlin, D. Feb 22, 1840

J. P. Cowles.

Dear brother Phelps,

There is a report here, quite current & much ~~agreed~~ ^{recalled} in, that you have embraced the views entertained here & publicly avowed your belief in them in Marlboro Chapel. Such a report was circulated about me by Pres. Mahan in consequence of a sermon I preached here the fall before I left, on the fullness of Christ. I almost know you have not done any thing more than that. Br. Mahan catches at a straw. But if you have not gone into these views, let me know immediately, that I may be able to contradict it. I have ventured to say, it could not be true. Since the news, which created considerable sensation in these parts, Br. Henry, emboldened perhaps by your example, has publicly committed himself to the doctrine more fully than ever before, or than I ever expected he would. This is quite an era here. Please write immediately. I hardly know how to interpret your long silence. Pres. Mahan has not yet arrived.

Yours as ever,

J. P. Cowles